

THE JOURNEY

"The feeling remains that God is on the journey too." -- St. Teresa of Avila

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019



Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 PM + 6:30 PM (En Française¹)

Sunday 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español²)
12 PM, 6 PM

¹First + Second Saturdays; ²First Sundays

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday–Thursday 7:30 AM

Friday Communion Service 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Baptism Preparation

2nd Sunday of the Month 10 AM
(Call to register)

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 AM to 7:00 PM

Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM

www.teresa.church

Saint Teresa of Avila Parish is a diverse Catholic community of faith that embraces everyone, without exception. We see ourselves as uniquely able to engage in dialogue with people of all faiths and act as peacemakers in our city. Challenged by the Gospel, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the teachings of Saint Teresa of Avila, we are called to be witnesses of Christ's Love for the salvation of all people.

Community Ministries

If you want to serve the St. Teresa's community in our liturgies or our planning, there are many opportunities for you!

RCIA (Rite of Christiani Initiation for Adults)

teresa.church/rcia

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, or helping those through that process as a companion.

Lectors

teresa.church/lectors

Eucharistic Ministers

teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers

Pastoral Council

teresa.church/pastoral-council

Represent the parish and help advise the pastor in our mission and vision for our community.

Finance Council

teresa.church/finance-council

Reviews financial documents and position of the parish and advise pastor and business manager on financial decisions.

Interested in Joining Our Parish?

Are you interested in making St. Teresa's your spiritual home? Or just want to learn more about our community? Fill out the below form and drop it in the collection basket or join online at teresa.church/join.

Name

Email

Phone

Address

Ministries of Interest

In fulfilling our mission to be “Faith & Spirit. Alive.” we invite you to get involved with your family here at St. Teresa of Avila parish.

Outreach Ministries

We have a variety of opportunities you can join to get involved and help serve our community, the Lincoln Park area, and the city of Chicago.

Loaves and Fishes Dinner

teresa.church/loaves-and-fishes

Weekly soup kitchen feeding and sitting with people in need of a meal.

La Posada Border Ministry

teresa.church/border-ministry

Travel to the border to help and understand those seeking asylum

Spiritual Ministries

There are many ministries at St. Teresa's that celebrate our faith via small Christian communities, serving in our liturgies, and learning more.

Women's Spirituality

teresa.church/womens-spirituality

Meets the Last Tuesday of the month to provide a supportive space for prayer and reflection;

Men's Spirituality

teresa.church/mens-spirituality

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the morning to come together and discuss what it means to be a disciple.

Food Pantry

teresa.church/food-pantry

Our parish food pantry is a welcoming, dependable source of nutritious food, respect and social contact to the needy of our community.

Refugee Ministry

teresa.church/refugee-ministry

Support a family's transition to living in the United States with donations and time.

Bible Studies/Discussion Groups

Throughout the year there are Bible studies you can join or maybe a book study with Fr. Frank. Schedules change throughout the year, so stay tuned!

Religious Education

teresa.church/religious-education

Whether it's our Montessori based Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children, EDGE Middle School ministry, QUEST High School Ministry, or SPRED Ministry for those with special needs, St. Teresa's has a wide array of programs to meet the needs of our children.

Communauté Catholique Francophone de Chicago

teresa.church/french-community

St. Teresa's is home to a wonderful and vibrant French community.

NEW! Advent Parent Workshop

New Advent Preparation Workshop and breakfast for parents will be offered on Sunday, Nov. 24th, 10:30-11:50AM. This same workshop will be repeated on Dec. 1st at 10:30AM. We hope to offer parents some ideas in a brainstorming and discussion-based setting to create new ways to observe Advent as a family. For questions or to RSVP, email Lina Hilko at LHilko@aol.com.

Daily Prayer, Scripture, and Eucharist

A great way to start the day!

Attend morning Mass Monday through Thursday at 7:30 am. Mass is over by 7:50 am.

There is a brief communion service on Friday mornings, also at 7:30 am for those who want to pray, reflect on scripture, and receive Eucharist.

Events This Week

Sunday 12/1	Monday 12/2	Tuesday 12/3	Wednesday 12/4	Thursday 12/5	Friday 12/6	Saturday 12/7
Saints and Special Observances						
First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah Begins --- Primer Domingo de Adviento; Januká comienza		St. Francis Xavier --- San Francisco Javier	St. John Damascene --- San Juan Damasceno		St. Nicholas --- San Nicolás	St. Ambrose --- San Ambrosio
Week's Activities						
10:00 am DD, Sunday Hospitality	4:00 pm FFC, CGS 7:00 pm DD, Parish Council	6:00 pm Church, Eucharistic Adoration		9:00 am DD, Food Pantry Delivery & Sorting 9:00 am OR B, Mom and Tot Group	3:00 pm DD, Loaves & Fishes 7:00 pm: DD, Spanish Prayer Group	9:00 am DD, Food Pantry 4:00 pm Church, First Saturday Rosary 6:30 am Church, French Mass

Room Abbreviations

DD A/B- Dorothy Day Room
(Old Parish Center)

OR A/B - Oscar Romero
(Old Parishes Offices)

FFC - Faith Formation Center
SFR - St. Francis Room

Advent Reverse Calendar Coming

Next Sunday we will begin our third annual Advent Reverse Calendar grocery collection to add staples and treats to our pantry shelves. Each day during Advent you will be invited to put food or clothing listed on the calendar into a bag and to use the Scripture reference of the day to reflect on why we are invited to care for others. Bags should be returned to church by Sunday,

January 5, 2020. Thanks to the Chicago Food Depository and your donations, 60-100 women and men receive nutritious food every Saturday morning from our food pantry.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Patroness of North America

You are invited to join the Hispanic Community as they celebrate: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Patroness of North America, on December 8th at 10:30 am.

The Gift that Keeps on Giving

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” -- 1 Peter 4:10

The Holiday season is upon us. While you may be travelling, St. Teresa’s joyfully serves those in need of spiritual nourishment and the poor who benefit from food-based ministries.

Please help us remain financially stable during this season by maintaining your financial commitment to the parish. Automated giving through Give Central is an easy way to ensure our collections won’t dive while attendance is low.

If you’ve already signed up for automated giving, please be sure your credit card information is up to date. If you have questions or need assistance, please call the parish office at (773) 528-6650.

SPRED Needs Friends

St Teresa’s SPRED group currently has openings for friends with special developmental needs ages 11 to 16. Other nearby parishes also have openings for friends (St. Vincent dePaul - 6 to 10 years and St. Josephat - 17 to 23).

Here at St. Teresa’s on every other Tuesday, a dedicated group of catechists join their friends to come together as a group where they grow in faith and participate in the liturgical life of our parish community.

If you know any child or adult with special needs who you feel would enjoy and benefit from the SPRED ministry, please contact Carrie Mondschean, at 312-320-1160, cmondsch@hinshawlaw.com or the parish office.

Thanks – SPRED loves St. Teresa!

St. T’s is on SOCIAL MEDIA!

Made You Look! Follow Us, Post Photos and Share moments experienced at our Church. We welcome Selfie Sundays (Smile!).

Instagram: [stteresaofavilachurchchicago](#)

Twitter: [@StTsChicago](#)

Facebook: [St Teresa of Avila Church](#)

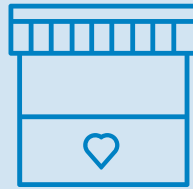
NextDoor Neighbor: [St Teresa Of Avila Parish](#)

Parish Highlights



27,800 Dollars

Number of dollars given out through Avila in Action last year



6 Organizations

Number of ways you can get involved with Time of Your Life: Buy Tickets, Donate, and Volunteer.



7 Percent

Percentage of total weekly collections that goes toward Avila in Action

Prayer + Worship



Mass Attendance - 11/10/19

Saturday 5:00 PM	271
Sunday 9:00 AM	260
Sunday 12:00 PM	160
Sunday 6:00 PM	120

611 Total

Ave. Weekday Mass Attendance 10

Ave. Friday Communion Service Attendance 5

Year-To-Date Baptisms 9

Financial Collections (July 2018-April 2019)

	Actual	Budget	Actual vs Budget	Previous Year	Actual vs Previous Year
Collections Offertory	\$154,496	\$140,580	\$13,916	\$128,556	\$25,940
Give Central	\$355,823	\$361,503	(\$5,681)	\$347,254	\$8,569
Special Donations	\$24,600		\$24,600	\$9,500	\$15,100
Total	\$534,919	\$502,084	\$32,835	\$485,310	\$49,609
Easter Collection	\$17,496	\$24,300	(\$6,804)	\$23,614	(\$6,118)

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”
MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God’s active presence in your life.

Christmas Program at Academy of St. Benedict the African

On Dec. 13th at 9am, join us for a Christmas Program at The Academy of St. Benedict the African (6020 S Laflin St). Students from grades Pre-K to 8 will be performing to celebrate the Christmas Season. You can carpool with us from St. Teresa or meet us at the school!

To sign up to attend, please email/call/text Ellen Moiani, ellen.moiani@gmail.com, 610-304-0017 or Laura Moran, lmtm1208@yahoo.com, 312-925-8346.

Greenery Sale

St. Teresa’s will be having our annual Greenery Sale the weekend of December 7th and 8th after all of the masses. We will pre-order fresh greenery, including different varieties of wreaths, centerpieces, and swags. They will be sold on a first come first serve basis after all of the masses the weekend of December 7th and 8th. Cash or checks are preferred. All of the proceeds will benefit our parish.

For any questions, please reach out to Kristen Castelloni kristen@rlcanning.com.

Collecting Winter Clothing

Beginning the first week of Advent Dec. 1, we will be collecting items (hats, gloves) for Academy of St. Benedict students. Each week of Advent we will be collecting additional items. Please be on the lookout next week for more information!

La Posada on NPR’s Kind World

St. Teresa has partnered with La Posada for our Border Ministry since 2017. La Posada, supported by the Sisters of Divine Providence, provides shelter while immigrants and asylum seekers wait for their cases to be adjudicated before the U.S. Immigration Court and for asylees as they take steps toward achieving permanent resident status. Hear more about La Posada and meet one of their clients on this podcast episode from NPR’s Kind World. (Find a link at teresa.church/border-ministry)

St. Teresa supports La Posada through funds and volunteers. Volunteers are encouraged to spend their time and offer their friendship to clients at La Posada. No experience is necessary. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to grow in our faith and welcome and minister to the stranger and vulnerable.

If you’re interested in getting involved or have questions, reach out to Nhu Phan at nhu712@icloud.com

Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake

Matthew 24:43

Let us Pray For...

In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request that a person's name be added. We leave the names on the list for about three months.

Alicia Anderson	Maria de la Luz	Jr.,	Madeline Mancini	Clayton Poe	Mary Walter
Dorothy Barns	Alex DeNoma	Les Gordon	George Maroquin	Carol Poyner	Drew Williams
Connie Beran	Sister Bernadette	Mrs. Grabarczyk	Jose Maroquin	Janette Prush	Jack Williams
Nicholas Beran	Dixon, OCD	George Halloran	Lisa Marquez	Hector J. Rivera	Valerie Williams
Berta Billalvazo	Kim Duffy	Kellar Harris	Daniel Meyer	Luis Rivera	Mae Witry
Henry Bira	Isabelle Eiffert	Peg Hausen	Tracy Mirabella	Pedro Rodriguez	David Zeunert
Michelle Brandt	Helen Fasano	David Ivanac	Bill Mobley	Jeffrey Roscoe	For the intentions
Elizabeth Brown	Jackson Fineske	Ronald Jakubec	John Monier	Denise Rosen	on our prayer
Jerry Burdick	& Family	Patricia Koesters	Elda Myers	Jane Smith	cards; for
Carol Coffey	Linda Flasch	Sister M. Agatha	John Paul Nelson	Will Sullivan	survivors and
Susan Conway	Alice Flynn	Knittig, OSB	Angel Nieves	Mima Tome	perpetrators
Juan Cortez	Eloisa Gallegos	Krista Kutz	Juan Nigo	JoAnn Jahnke	of sexual abuse
Patricia Chuck	Michael Gibbons	Betty LaCour	Msgr. Kevin	Trainer	
Elizabeth Ryan	Angela Goldberg	Carmen D.	O'Neill	Elizabeth Ann	
Dean	Kaylee Gommel	Lorenzana	Frank O'Toole	True	
Michael De Blasis	Bolivar Gonzales	Gabriel Lozada	Christine Panozzo	Sara Vega	

#PrayForPeace

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago last week:

Chris Fox; Zebulun Wright; Keishianta Coleman; Christopher Willis; Guerrero Lerma; and Frank Corona.

Pray for the Deceased

Bruce Brumfield, Judy Castelloni, Maria de Jesus Cortez, Bonnie Fuentes, Cris Haas, Nancy Hadler, Chuck Jabaley, Joyce Jaszczor, Frank Kolman, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Bernadette Rose Micinski, Mary Musolf, Ray Romero, Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, Fr. Cesaire Souissa, Marianne Usiak, Alicia Villenas, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 PM	Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish
Sunday 9:00 AM	Emmanuel Faloyin
Sunday 10:30 AM	Pedro Garcia
Sunday 12:00 PM	Nelly Echegaray
Sunday 6:00 PM	Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

December Baptisms

Adelaide DeWitte - 12/8/19	Collins Grace Conway- 12/15/19
Alden Troy- 12/15/19	Grace Bridget Harris - 12/28/19

Ministry Schedule

Date	Time	Celebrant	Lector/ Sacristan	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 12/7	5:00 pm	Fr. Benson	Lector: Mary Brennan Sacristan: Lisa Marquez	Lisa Marquez	Luke Kolman Kari Richardson
Saturday 12/7	6:30 pm	French Mass			
Sunday 12/8	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Lector: Children's Service Sacristan: Frank Swiderski	Jamie Lutkus Mary Serrahn Andrew De Leonardis	Christina Brodell Daniel Kang Carly Johnston Nancy Gerstad
Sunday 12/8	10:30 am	Fr. Borlik	Lector: Betsy Velazquez Sacristan: Francisco Perez	Fr. Daniel Borlik	Josefina Gomez Carmen Ubides
Sunday 12/8	12:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Lector: Claire Kenkel Sacristan: MINISTER NEEDED	Bob Pedro Connie Becker Tyler Paul	Kevin Ludden Aimee Jaszczor Mary Stanton MINISTER NEEDED
Sunday 12/8	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Lector: Christopher Toups Sacristan: Sharon Lindstrom	Ellen Moiani Mark Van Grinsven Nancy Van Grinsven	MINISTER NEEDED Dani Shain Amir Rafizadeh Eileen Raia

If you are interested in becoming a liturgical minister, please see the contact information below:

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Tailgating With GOD!

Encountering Jesus in Our Everyday Lives

Men's Weekend of Reflection

January 17-19, 2020

Prayer, Presentations, Discussion, & Quiet Time



JOSEPH & MARY RETREAT HOUSE
on the beautiful & peaceful grounds of Mundelein Seminary!

Retreat Leader: Deacon Mark Duffey – facilitator of creative, enthusiastic retreats for over 30 years

Kickoff: Dinner Friday 1/17 at 6:00pm

Final Whistle: Mass Sunday 1/19 at 11:00am-noon

Attire: Casual – wear your favorite team gear!

All meals professionally prepared – including a tailgate-style lunch on Saturday!

Box Office/Registration/Questions: 847-566-6060 or jcumplings@josephandmaryretreat.org (Jen Cummings)

\$250 for the full weekend

Parish Contacts

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Parish Council

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The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastor and represents a cross section of the parish. Together with the Pastor, the PPC helps to craft and carry out the Mission of the Parish.

Finance Council

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The St. Teresa Finance Council reviews the financial documents and position of the parish and advises the pastor and business manager on financial matters, including the preparation of the annual parish budget.

Stewardship Committee

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The Stewardship Committee's goal is to foster a sense of gratefulness and response of increased sharing of gifts in the parish and communities we seek to support. We do this by creating, encouraging and communicating ideas and programs that help parishioners recognize and share their gifts.

Contributing to the Bulletin

Past bulletins and guidelines for submitting to the bulletin are available on our website at:

www.teresa.church/bulletins

How to Report Sexual Abuse

To report an allegation of sexual abuse and/or neglect of minors, contact the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Hotline at 800.25.ABUSE (800.252.2873) and/or contact your local police department.

You can also contact the Office of Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY) at 312.534.5254.